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DETAILED ACTION

In view of ***Appeal Brief*** filed on 20 June 2011 and an authorization for this Examiner's Amendment given in a telephone interview with Brian M. Kearns on 5 July, the claimed subject matters are thus distinctly pointed out as patentable features to place the application in the condition for allowance.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian M. Kearns (Reg. No. 62,287) on 5 July 2011.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace claim(s) 1 and 6 as follows.

Claim 1:

A telecommunication network system having at least a gateway node, with a first domain comprising:

a mobile application part protocol instance connected to the gateway node configured to send and receive mobile application part messages in accordance with the 3rd Generation

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Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification (TS) 3&200, the gateway node being connected to a second domain, wherein the gateway node is configured to receive a mobile application part message from the first domain, to convert the received mobile application part message obtaining a secured mobile application part message, and to: send the obtained message to the second domain, the gateway node further being configured to receive a secured mobile application part message from the second domain, to extract an unsecured mobile application part message from the received secured mobile application part message and to send the extracted message to the first domain, where a secured mobile application part message is obtained by security mechanisms comprising one or more of data encryption and data integrity protection applied toward a particular domain.

Claim 6:

A gateway node comprising an interface to a first domain of a telecommunication network for sending and receiving mobile application part messages in accordance with the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification (TS) 33.200, comprising:

an interface to a second domain of the telecommunication network for sending and receiving secured mobile application part messages wherein the gateway node further comprises a conversion unit that is adapted to receive a mobile application part message via the interface to the first domain, to convert the received mobile application part message obtaining a secured mobile application part message, and to send the obtained message via the interface towards the second domain, the conversion unit further being configured to receive a secured mobile application part message via the interface to the second domain, to extract an unsecured mobile application part message from the received secured mobile application part message and to send the extracted message via the interface towards the first domain, where a secured

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mobile application part message is obtained by security mechanisms comprising one or more of data encryption and data integrity protection applied toward a particular domain.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations recited in each of the independent claims 1 and 6 (& associated dependent claims).

Claims, as listed above, are allowable in light of the Applicant's arguments (Appeal Brief) and in light of the prior art(s) made of record and Examiner Amendment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONGBIT CHAI whose telephone number is (571)272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on (571) 570-5680. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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